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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: LBZJ/2712

21 January 1960

SUBJECT: WEEKLY DIARY - 15 thru 21 January 1960

TO: LBC

Satellite Systems

1. Vehicle Acceptance: (SECRET)

The second MIDAS Flight Vehicle LMSD Unit #1007 was accepted by the Air Force Acceptance Team on 20 January 1960. This vehicle will be flown to AFMTC on 21 January 1960 where it will be readied for launch around the first of April.

2. Spares Sampling: (UNCL)

A physical sampling of the inventory and consumption experience at the LMSD Vandenberg facility was made by personnel of this office. This sampling revealed that the estimates for quantitative requirements were not compatible with consumption experience recorded during the past 12 month period. In addition, visual inspection of some equipment did not justify estimated unit prices as shown in the contractor's proposal. Also the inclusion of manufacturer extras in the spares list was not in compliance with the direction given to the contractor.

It is intended that these nonacceptable areas will be resolved during the spares portion of the contractual negotiation.

3. Review of DISCOVERER, MIDAS and SAMOS Maintenance/Reparable Program for FY-60 and FY-61: (UNCL)

A physical analysis of LMSD's spares and component reparable program was conducted on the DISCOVERER, MIDAS and SAMOS programs at both the manufacturing and test site facilities. This analysis was conducted against LMSD cost estimates proposed for the contract effort through the period of July 1959 through March 1961. The initial review revealed the repair costs were 25% high and there was some evidence of duplication of costs for repairing in-plant manufacturing. The principal reason for the analysis was to establish realistic costs for negotiations tentatively scheduled for the last week of January 1960.

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